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# Office Action Summary

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## Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 February 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

## Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

### DETAILED ACTION

This Application has been examined. The claims 1-30 are pending. The examination results are as following.

#### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9, 11-12, 15-18 and 21-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Domae et al. (US patent 6,088,004) in view of Nolan et al. (US patent 6,049,316)

Regarding claim 1, Domae et al. disclose in figure 1 a display control device for controlling display of pictures which are from a plurality of signal sources (21a, 21b) connected to signal lines on a plurality of display areas on a screen comprising a notification unit, which notifies the plurality of signal sources connected to the signal lines. However, Domae et al. do not disclose an attributes information memory, which stores display attributes information for each of the plurality of display areas, and a notification unit, which notifies the plurality of signal sources connected to the signal lines of the stored display attributes information. Nolan et al. disclose an attributes information memory, which stores display attributes information for each of the plurality of display areas (see memory 60 stores the setting of vertical and horizontal refresh rate, and they are also the kind of EDID, and display on the screen, see figure 6, column 7,

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lines 35-58), and a notification unit, which notifies the plurality of signal sources connected to the signal lines of the stored display attributes information (see the connections of memory 60, and between host interface and CRT BFR, see figure 6). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to utilize the teachings of using attributes information for each of display areas as taught by Nolan et al. into the display control device having a plurality of signal sources of Domae et al. because this would for providing for the user to be identified each interface as unique monitor with its own characteristics.

Regarding claims 2, Nolan et al. disclose wherein the display attributes information is changed to a setting of a display area (see the changing of the resolution from 640x480 to 800x600, see column 9, lines 56-60).

Regarding claim 4, Nolan et al. disclose wherein notification is performed synchronously with at least a change in an attributes of a signal on the network (see column 1, lines 36-43).

Regarding claims 5-7, Nolan et al. disclose wherein notification by is performed synchronously with a change in the size, usage on the screen (see figures 2A-2B, see change display type, monitor change).

Regarding claim 9, Domae et al. disclose a display control device for controlling for display pictures from a plurality of signal sources (see image source 21a, 21b) connected to signal lines on a plurality of display areas on a screen (22a, 22b). However, Domae et al. do not disclose an obtaining unit which obtains identification signals relating to picture from the plurality of signals source; a display selection unit which appropriates pictures to the plurality of display areas according to the created display selection information; and a notification unit which notifies the plurality of signal sources connected to the signal lines of the created display selection information. Nolan et al. disclose an obtaining unit which obtains identification signals (see PC 20 contain EDID or three values for popular resolutions: VGA 640x480, SVGA 800x600, and XGA 1024x768; a display selection information creating which creates display selection information based on obtained identification signals (see worker selects the display properties tool, see figures 2A-2B), and notification unit for created display selection information (see figures 2A-2B). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was to utilize the teaching the using of three values for popular resolutions: VGA 640x480, SVGA 800x600, and XGA 1024x768; a display selection information creating which creates display selection information based on obtained identification signals (see worker selects the display properties tool, see figures 2A-2B), and notification unit for created display selection information as taught by Nolan et al. into the display system of Domae et al. with a plurality of signal sources because this would be help the worker selects the brand name and model of high resolution of the display (see column 2, lines 50-55).

Regarding claims 11-12, 15-18, Nolan et al. disclose the selection information is changed, the notification unit is performed synchronously with change changed number on the network, changed size as discussed above.

Regarding claims 21-26, Domae et al. disclose a plurality of signal source, however, Domae et al. do not disclose wherein identification signals obtained by said obtaining unit are identification number provided to the plurality of signal sources. Nolan et al. disclose an identification signals are identification numbers (see resolutions are stored in the graphics controller sub-system (see column 4, lines 39-45). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to utilize the teachings of resolutions are stored in the controller system as taught by Nolan et al. into the system having plurality of signal sources of Domae et al. because this would default refresh rates for VGA, SVGA and XGA resolution (see column 4, lines 43-45).

3. Claims 3, 8, 10, 13-14, 19-20, 27-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Domae et al. (US patent 6,088,004) and Nolan et al. (US patent 6,049,316) as applied to claims 11, 9 above, and further in view of Nason et al. (US patent 6,018,332).

Domae et al. and Nolan et al. disclose a display control device or a computer-readable recording medium storing a program for controlling for display of pictures from a plurality of signal sources (see image source 21a, 21b) connected to signal lines on a

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plurality of display areas on a screen (22a, 22b) and the popular resolutions: VGA 640x480, SVGA 800x600, and XGA 1024x768 as discussed above. Furthermore, Nolan et al. disclose an image memory which stores a plurality of pictures input (see video memory 60), and an inherent area securing unit which secures a storage area for storing each of the plurality of picture in the image. However, they do not disclose the notification is performed synchronously with a change in an input picture signal and change in a positional relation of a plurality of picture-in-picture screens on the screen. Nason et al. disclose in figure 3 a Microsoft Windows 95 a display is including a graphical user interface in four bars each 20-pixels high/wide outside each of the four display edges: a bottom bar 30, a left side bar 34, a right side bar 36, and a top bar 38 (that is the input change in picture or change of picture-in-picture screens on screen). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to utilize the teachings of four display edges of the windows with different picture as taught by Nason et al. into the system having a plurality of signal sources of Domae et al. and Nolan et al. because this would display images representing documents and applications available to the user (Nason, see abstract).

### ***Response To Arguments***

4. Applicant 's arguments filed on 2-26-04 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues that Nolan et al. do not teach "an attributes information memory, which stores display attributes information for each of the plurality of display areas, and a notification unit, which notifies the plurality of signal sources connected to the signal lines of the stored

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display attributes information". However, examiner respectfully disagrees with the argument because Nolan et al. disclose an attributes information memory, which stores display attributes information for each of the plurality of display areas (see memory 60 stores the setting of vertical and horizontal refresh rate, and they are also the kind of EDID, and display on the screen, see figure 6, column 7, lines 35-58, and a notification unit, which notifies the plurality of signal sources connected to the signal lines of the stored display attributes information (see the connections of memory 60, and between host interface and CRT BFR, see figure 6). From these reasons, the rejections are maintained.

4. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kimnhung Nguyen whose telephone number (703) 308-0425.



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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **RICHARD A HJERPE** can be reached on **(703) 305-4709**.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Technology Center 2600 Customer Service Office whose telephone number is (703) 306-0377.

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